

Date: January 26, 2007

To: Chairman Randolph, and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin and Remy

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

The Governor's proposed 2007-08 state budget provides an additional \$604,000 in base funding, taking the Commission's total funding to just over \$8 million per year. The Senate and Assembly budget subcommittees have begun reviewing the Governor's budget, and are expected to hold hearings on the FPPC likely in late April or May.

Commissioners have come to recognize Elaine Hufnagle from the Legal Division as a substitute Commission Assistant in the past few months. Elaine has been promoted to Administrative Assistant I to fill the position permanently upon Leah Yadon's decision to return to the Technical Assistance Division.

The Legal Division has hired Heather Rowan as a Commission Counsel. Ms. Rowan was an attorney at Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe after graduating from the UC Davis School of Law in 2004. The division has also promoted Andy Rockas to Senior Commission Counsel.

The Enforcement Division has hired Jesse Mainardi as an Enforcement Counsel. Mr. Mainardi worked for the San Francisco law firm of Cooper, White and Cooper. He graduated from UC Hastings College of the Law. In addition, the Enforcement Division has promoted Amanda Saxton and Kourtney Vaccaro to Senior Commission Counsel positions.

Finally, the Administration Division has hired Jessica Estante as a Staff Services Analyst in the Personnel Office. She comes to us from the Department of Health Services' Personnel Office where she had 1 1/2 years of experience as a Personnel Specialist. Jessica will assist Personnel Officer Gail Ziese in handling myriad personnel requests for our now 75-employee agency. Gail is to be commended for facilitating the hiring of more than 17 people since February—all while performing every personnel function the agency requires.

B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Technical Assistance Division's Trish Mayer provided a campaign seminar in Pasadena, Cynthia Jones provided an SEI filing officer seminar in Orange County, and Adrienne Korchmaros provided one in Humboldt County, while Lynda Cassady spoke at a lobbyists' ethics workshop. Ms. Korchmaros also provided a presentation to attorneys of the CalPERS and CalSTRS pension systems.

The Legal Division's Emelyn Rodriguez spoke to the CalSTRS and CalPERS attorneys on conflict-of-interest rules. Assistant General Counsel John Wallace also provided a conflict-of-interest presentation, to the California Association of Realtors.

The Communications Office has drafted an update to the Commission's news media communications guidelines, and handled a steady stream of media inquiries, including a national network segment on the Agua Caliente tribal litigation.

Chairman Randolph served on a panel discussing campaign finance reform sponsored by the Commonwealth Club of California as part of their "Voices of Reform" project.

C. CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Code Adoptions and Amendments: Pursuant to Government Code section 87300 and Commission regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict-of-interest codes:

Allocation Board, State of California
Gambling Control Commission, State of California
Inspector General, State of California Office of the
Justice, State of California Department of
Ocean Protection Council
Medical Assistance Commission, State of California
University of California

D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

There were none.

E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Consumers for Tom Umberg (FPPC ID #1235879) - A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until September 1, 2007.